



The Art Education Association of Indiana, Inc.

Dear Superintendent,

I am Teresa R. Nagel, President Elect of the Art Education Association of Indiana, Inc., extending to you a unique opportunity to hear Eric Jensen speak in Fort Wayne on November 5th at 10 AM at the Grand Wayne Convention Center. Our annual convention is an exciting opportunity for art educators to attend the best and most current professional development sessions. This year we are very excited about bringing Dr. Jensen to town; he is well known for his research on brain-based learning and focus on best practices for education. An article published by the Harvard Educational Review is linked below and addresses Jensen's important contributions to the study of brain development and implications for educational best practices and the arts.

<http://www.meetthemasters.com/2010/07/09/harvard-educational-review-arts-with-the-brain-in-mind/>

We are extending this invitation to all superintendents in the state at no cost. We also invite school board members, music educators, and all who are interested in attending to be our guests with you for a modest fee of \$30 per person. After the keynote address, we will offer attendees a chance to purchase Jensen's book and have it signed by the author. All teachers, board members, and other administrators can register at our website for this ticket at www.aeai.org. We ask that you please make this opportunity known to your music education staff. We also encourage you to provide professional development funding if possible to your music and visual arts teachers with release time. All teachers, who are members of AEAI can register for professional growth points for recertification requirements when they register online. Our Executive Council Member, Rita Jacks, will be working with the DOE to provide this service to our members.

It will not be necessary for you (as a superintendent) to register at the website as it is setup for payments only. We ask that if you plan to attend that you also register by sending me an email message at the following address:

trnagel1027@yahoo.com

Our expanded seating for the lecture is limited to 300 additional seats only- we advise your quick response, preferably before October 1st to secure a seat. We hope you will take this opportunity to witness firsthand the powerful message of how the arts help children to become more effective learners in all areas of their education. In these times of decreasing funding and increasing demands on our students, it is imperative that the importance of the arts in our schools not be overlooked.

Thank you for your time; I am looking forward to your presence at our keynote presentation.

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